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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR US Army Fort Belvoir Personnel

SUBJECT: Fort Belvoir Policy Memorandum # 23, Commander's Safety Policy

1. References:

- a. Memorandum, Secretary of Defense, 19 May 03, subject: Reducing Preventable Accidents.
- b. Memorandum, Secretary of the Army and Chief of Staff, 13 Oct 06, subject: Army Safety and Occupational Health Objectives for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007.
- c. Army Regulation 385-10, Army Safety Program, 29 Feb 00.

2. PURPOSE. To promulgate the Commander's Safety Principles and Policy to Fort Belvoir personnel.

3. APPLICABILITY. This policy statement applies to all personnel and activities on Fort Belvoir.

4. POLICY.

a. The Department of Defense directed the military services and components to reduce preventable accidents and injuries by at least 50 percent by September 2008. The Army Strategic Plan supports this reduction goal and the Defense Safety Oversight Council (DSOC) has identified initiatives to improve our safety posture. One such program is the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Voluntary Protection Program (VPP).

b. In support of safety, my policy is as follows:

(1) Safety will be a primary component of every phase of mission accomplishment. I fully endorse the Installation Safety Program and the VPP. The Army Safety Program is the foundation of our safety management system and my intent in pursuing OSHA's VPP is to further improve our program.

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(2) Every leader, manager, and supervisor will be clearly aware that safety is a priority at Fort Belvoir. I expect safe operations in every mission; safety is the overriding element in every assigned task.

(3) Empower your employees to make on the spot corrections to unsafe conditions.

(4) Understand and use Composite Risk Management planning in all garrison activities and operations.

(5) Actively support our Installation Safety Action Plan and the VPP by appointing a directorate VPP working group representative.

c. Everyone within the Fort Belvoir community must commit to and abide by the following safety principles:

(1) Lead by example; your actions are key to setting the standard.

(2) Be aggressive about identifying and correcting risky behavior for yourself and your colleagues.

5. PROCEDURES. Managers are to work closely with the Safety Office and your VPP working group representatives to implement our Safety Action Plan. We must cultivate an exemplary safety management system that provides for the protection of our community and adds value to the services we provide. To achieve the outcome we desire there must be a unified effort - Army Strong!

6. PROPONENT. The Installation Safety Office is the proponent for this policy at (703) 806-3305.


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